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CLEVELAND

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For: POWER CONTROLLER WITH DC ARC-SUPPRESSION RELAYS

Art Unit: 2836

Examiner: S. Jackson

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment with Attachment "A".

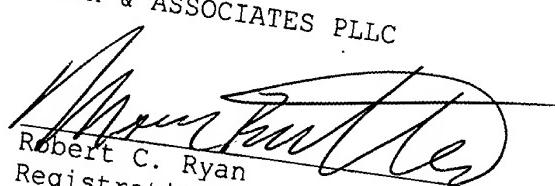
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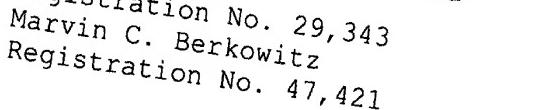
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 27, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire September 27, 2003.

Applicant would initially like to thank the Examiner for granting Applicant's representative an interview in this application. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for the indication during said interview that the rejection of claim 8 has been withdrawn and that said claim is now allowed; and that claims 1 and 12 would be allowable following entry of amendments as discussed during the interview. Applicant additionally thanks the Examiner for the indication in the outstanding Office Action of allowable subject matter in claim 11.

It is also noted that the Examiner has not yet acknowledged Applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to

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